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## Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

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Claims 1-54 (canceled)

- Claim 55 (new) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a sequence of nucleotides encoding or complementary to a sequence encoding a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:8 wherein said polypeptide has activity against a plant pest.
- Claim 56 (new) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 55 wherein the nucleotide sequence further encodes a C-terminal amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:12.
- Claim 57 (new) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 55 or 56 wherein the nucleotide sequence encodes a signal sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO:10.
- Claim 58 (new) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 55 wherein the nucleotide sequence encodes an amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:18.
- Claim 59 (new) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 55 comprising the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:7.

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- Claim 60 (new) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 56 comprising the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:11.
- Claim 61 (new) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 57 comprising the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:9.
- Claim 62 (new) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 58 comprising the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:17.
- Claim 63 (new) An isolated protein comprising a sequence of amino acids set forth in SEQ ID NO:8 wherein said polypeptide has activity against a plant pest.
- Claim 64 (new) The isolated protein of claim 63 further comprising a C-terminal amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:12.
- Claim 65 (new) The isolated protein of claim 63 or 64 further comprising a signal sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO:10.
- Claim 66 (new) The isolated protein of claim 63 comprising the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:18.
- Claim 67 (new) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 55 or isolated protein of claim 63 wherein the plant pest is an insect.
- Claim 68 (new) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 55 or isolated protein of claim 63 wherein the plant pest is a fungus.

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- Claim 69 (new) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 55 or isolated protein of claim 66 wherein the nucleic acid molecule and protein are derived from *Nicotiana alata*.
- Claim 70 (new) A genetically modified plant cell, tissue, organ or whole plant which expresses the nucleic acid molecule of claim 55.
- Claim 71 (new) A genetically modified plant cell, tissue, organ or whole plant which produces the protein of claim 66.
- Claim 72 (new) The plant cell, tissue, organ or whole plant of claim 70 or 71 wherein the plant is a cotton plant.
- Claim 73 (new) Progeny of the plant of claim 70 or 71.
- Claim 74 (new) A method of inducing resistance of a plant to a plant pest, said method comprising genetically modifying the plant so that it produces the protein of claim 66.
- Claim 75 (new) The method of claim 74 wherein the protein is produced in epidermal layers of petals and sepals, cortical cells of a style and/or the connective tissue of another.

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- Claim 76 (new) A method for generating a plant with increased resistance to a plant pest, said method comprising introducing into a genome of a plant cell an expressible form of a nucleic acid molecule of claim 55, 56, 57 or 58 and regenerating a plant from said cell.

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Claim 77 (new) The method of claim 76 wherein the regenerated plant produces a protein of claim 66.

Claim 78 (new) The method of claim 76 wherein the plant is a cotton plant.

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